

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 5, 2009

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I was unable to be present in the Capitol on Monday, May 4, 2009 and therefore unable to cast votes on the House Floor that evening.

However, had I been present I would have voted "yea" on H. Res. 230, recognizing the historical significance of the Mexican holiday of Cinco de Mayo; and "yea" on H. Con. Res. 111, recognizing the 61st anniversary of the independence of the State of Israel.

IN APPRECIATION FOR THE DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVICE OF CHIEF MARK RAFFAELLI

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, Mark Raffaelli joined the South San Francisco Police Department as a patrol officer in 1971. This month, he retires—after 37 years of public service—as Chief of Police for the City of South San Francisco.

Chief Raffaelli will not be easily replaced. Everyone who knows Mark, myself included, appreciates his sense of humor, easygoing manner and dedication to his employees and the citizens they are sworn to protect. Mark is a leader who leads by example—and by his example—has mentored more men and women than he even knows.

On his journey through the ranks, Mark served in virtually every capacity a peace officer can serve. He put his skills to work in patrol, investigations, communications, training, operations and was a steady and reliable community presence for generations of South City residents.

Mark is a fixture in his community, having served as President of the South San Francisco Boys and Girls Club, SSF Host Lions Club, San Mateo County 100 Club and the San Mateo County Police Chiefs and Sheriff Association. He has taken leadership roles in groups as diverse as the San Mateo County Regional Law Enforcement Training Academy, Peninsula Police Officers Association, San Mateo County Gang Task Force, SSF Unified School District Strategic Planning Committee, North Peninsula Family Alternatives, Skyline College President's Council, Skyline College Hermanos Program and the San Mateo County Law Enforcement Training Site Fundraising Committee.

As Chief of Police, Mark Raffaelli has always welcomed new ideas. Under his watch, the SSFPD created or expanded the D.A.R.E. drug education program, Community Oriented Policing, Computer Aided Dispatch and Records Management System, a scholarship program for members of the Explorer Post and

NEAT (Neighborhood Enhancement Action Team) for first time juvenile offenders.

Madam Speaker, I have had the great privilege of working with Chief Raffaelli for decades and have always been impressed by his ability to find solutions for vexing problems and show leadership when it would be easier to duck and cover.

Chief Raffaelli has earned his retirement and will, no doubt, enjoy his newly found leisure time with his lovely wife Patricia and sons Isaac and Rick. For decades, the Raffaelli family has shared their husband and father with all of us and we are forever indebted to them.

Madam Speaker, the biggest challenge of paying tribute to Chief Raffaelli is deciding which of his many accomplishments to leave off the list. Perhaps the greatest endorsement of his service is in the words of those who came under his command. Here is just a small sampling:

"Exceptionally dedicated to the city, department and citizens of South San Francisco."

"Always goes out of his way to greet employees."

"More frugal than Mr. Scrooge."

And my personal favorite: "Great hair."

COMMENDING HONOR FLIGHT SOUTH ALABAMA AND THE 91 WORLD WAR II VETERANS TRAVELING TO THE WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 5, 2009

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise to commend the inaugural Honor Flight South Alabama and the 91 World War II veterans this very special organization is bringing to Washington, D.C. this week.

Founded by the South Alabama Veterans Council, Honor Flight South Alabama is an organization whose mission is to fly heroes from Mobile, Baldwin, Washington, Clarke, Monroe, Covington, and Escambia counties in Alabama to see their national memorial.

Over six decades have passed since the end of World War II and, regrettably, it took nearly this long to complete work on the memorial that honors the spirit and sacrifice of the 16 million who served in the U.S. armed forces and the more than 400,000 who died. Sadly, many veterans did not live long enough to hear their country say "thank you" yet, for those veterans still living, Honor Flight provides for many their first—and perhaps only—opportunity to see the National World War II Memorial, which honors their service and sacrifice.

This Honor Flight, the organization's maiden flight, begins at dawn when the veterans will gather at historic Fort Whiting in Mobile and travel to Mobile Regional Airport to board a US Airways flight to Washington. During their time in their nation's capital, the veterans will

visit the World War II Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, and other memorials.

The veterans will return to Mobile Regional Airport Wednesday evening, where some 1,000 people—including high school bands, Boy Scout troops, and Azalea Trail and Dogwood Trail Maids—are expected to greet them.

Madam Speaker, today's journey of 91 heroes from south Alabama is an appropriate time for us to pause and thank them—and all of the soldiers who fought in World War II—for they collectively—and literally—saved the world. They personify the very best America has to offer, and I urge my colleagues to take a moment to pay tribute to their selfless devotion to our country and the freedom we enjoy.

I salute each of the 91 veterans who made the trip today. May we never forget their valiant deeds and tremendous sacrifices.

Vance Barnes; Edna Bednekoff; Maurice Bell; Glenn Boom; Douglas Bower; Alto Brill; John Brodbeck; Arnold Brodbeck, Jr.; William Burchett; Henry Burgess; Helen Callaway; John Campbell; William Carpenter; Florene Clayton; Thomas Cowart; Kenneth Cramton; Charles Cuff; Leo Curtis; John Deloney; Rois Deshazo; Norman Dobson; Jack Dunlavy; Charles Dyas, Jr.; Joe Dykes; Edwin Epperson; William Fleming; Samuel Gilreath; Joseph Gould; George Grau; Joseph Green; and

John Grimes; Walter Hadley; Woodrow Hall; Jeremiah Hammond; Welton Hance; Paul Hannie; William Harrison III; Billy Heard; Howard Heminger; Earl Hilyer; Paul Hogan; Adam Hollinger; Milton Hudson; Clint Humphrey; Samuel Jenkins; Fred Jones; George Kendley; Charles Kostmeyer; Wilmer Lamey; Francis Larsen; John Laudin; John Lee; Jonathan Leff; Edly Lewis; John Little; Albert Lobsitz; Billy Lyon; Ralph Manning; William March; Dillon March; and

Dale Martz; Thomas McClellan; Martin McGowan; James McIntyre; John Mitchell; Harry Moreland; J. Edgar Moser; George Noffsinger; Clayton Oleson; Thomas Ollinger; Cecil Palmer; Clarence Phillips; Herbert Pierce; Gordon Pierce; Arthur Prince; Wade Reeves; Sibley Richerson; Gary Roberts; Thomas Schmaeling; Otis Slack; James Sowell, Jr.; Robert Spielmann; Colwin Steadham; Ivan Sweeney; Olin Tisdale; George Underwood; Edward Wade; Henry Waltman; J.B. White-Spunner; Mabron Williams; and Janet Woods.

CREDIT CARDHOLDERS' BILL OF RIGHTS ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration of the bill (H.R. 627) to amend the Truth in Lending Act to establish fair

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